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Claim 1 (Currently Amended)

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An image recording system comprising:

(a) an image recording device provided in a first location for recording an image based on image information;

(b) a first controller provided in the first location for controlling the image recording device;

(c) a memory provided in a second location apart from the first location for storing the image information; and

(d) a second controller provided in the second location, which is connected to the first controller through a communication network, for controlling the memory,

wherein the first controller sends a reading command signal to the second controller to read the image information stored in the memory, and to transmit the read information to the first controller through the communication network, and automatically controls the image recording device so that the image based on the image information transmitted from the second controller is recorded.

Claims 2-3 (Cancelled)

Claim 4 (Currently Amended)

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The image recording system of claim 1, wherein the first controller ~~send~~ sends the reading command signal to the second controller at a prescribed interval.

Claim 5 (Original)

The image recording system of claim 1, wherein the first controller sends completion information which indicates the image recording of the image information has been completed to the second controller, after completion of the image recording of the image information, and the second controller generates information indicating that image recording of the image information has been completed based on the completion information.

Claim 6 (Original)

The image recording system of claim 5, wherein the completion information is identification information corresponding to image information.

Claim 7 (Original)

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The image recording system of claim 1, wherein the first controller sends completion information which indicates the image recording of the image information has been completed to the second controller, after completion of the image recording of the image information, and the second controller adds second completion information indicating completion of image recording to the image information based on the first completion information.

Claim 8 (Original)

The image recording system of claim 7, wherein the first completion information is identification information corresponding to the image information.

Claim 9 (Currently Amended)

An image recording system comprising:

(a) an image recording device provided in a first location for recording an image based on image information;

(b) a first controller provided in the first location for controlling the image recording device;

(c) a memory provided in a second location apart from the first location for storing the image information; and

(d) a second controller provided in the second location, which is connected to the first controller through a communication network, for controlling the memory,

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wherein the first controller sends a reading command signal to the second controller to read the image information stored in the memory, and to transmit the read information to the first controller through the communication network, and

wherein the second controller includes a device for adding priority order information for image recording to each image information stored in the memory, reads the image information to which the priority order information is added, out of the memory, and transmits the image information to the first controller, and

wherein the first controller receives the image information transmitted from the second controller, and automatically controls the image recording device so that the image based on the image information is recorded, based on priority order information.

Claim 10 (Cancelled)

Claim 11 (Original)

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The image recording system of claim 9, wherein the first controller sends completion information which indicates the image recording of the image information has been completed to the second controller, after completion of the image recording of the image information, and the second controller generates information indicating that image recording of the image information has been completed based on the completion information.

Claim 12 (Original)

The image recording system of claim 11, wherein the information of the completion is identification information corresponding to the image information.

Claim 13 (Original)

The image recording system of claim 9, wherein the first controller sends first completion information which indicates that image recording of the image information has been completed to the second controller, after completion of the image recording of the image information, and the second controller adds second completion information indicating completion of image recording to the image information based on the first completion information.

Claim 14 (Original)

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The image recording system of claim 13, wherein the first completion information is identification information corresponding to the image information.

Claim 15 (Currently Amended)

An image recording method comprising the steps of:

sending a reading command signal for reading image information from a first controller provided in a first location to a second controller provided in a second location apart from the first location, which is connected to the first controller through a communication network, the image information being stored in a memory provided in the second location controlled by the second controller;

making the second controller to read the image information out of the memory based on the reading command signal, after the second controller has received the reading command signal;

making the second controller to transmit the image information read out of the memory to the first controller through the communication network; and

making the first controller to receive the image information and causing an image recording device to record

an image based on the image information, wherein the image recording device is automatically controlled by the first controller.

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Claims 16-17 (Cancelled)

Claim 18 (Original)

The image recording method of claim 15, wherein the first controller is adapted to send the reading command signal to the second controller at a prescribed interval.

Claim 19 (Original)

The image recording method of claim 15, further comprising the steps of:

sending from the first controller to the second controller the completion information which indicates that image recording of the image information has been completed, after completion of the image recording of the image information; and

making the second controller to generate information showing that image recording of the image information has been completed, based on the completion information.

Claim 20 (Previously Presented)

The image recording method of claim 19, wherein the completion information is adapted to be identification information corresponding to the image information.

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Claim 21 (Previously Presented)

The image recording method of claim 15, further comprising the steps of:

sending from the first controller to the second controller first completion information which indicates that image recording of the image information has been completed, after completion of the image recording of the image information; and

making the second controller to add to the image information, second completion information showing that the image recording has been completed, based on the first completion information.

Claim 22 (Previously Presented)

The image recording method of claim 21, wherein the completion information is adapted to be identification information corresponding to the image information.

Claim 23 (Currently Amended)

An image recording method comprising the steps of:

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sending a reading command signal for reading image information from a first controller provided in a first location to a second controller provided in a second location apart from the first location, which is connected to the first controller through a communication network, the image information being stored in a memory provided in the second location controlled by the second controller;

making a the second controller ~~provided in a second location apart from a first location to~~ add priority order information for image recording to each image information stored in a the memory ~~provided in the second location and controlled by the second controller;~~

making the second controller to read the image information to which priority order information has been added out of the memory;

making the second controller to transmit the image information to which the priority order information is added, read out of the memory to a the first controller ~~provided in the first location, which is connected to the second controller through a communication network; and~~

making the first controller which has received the image information to which the priority order information

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is added, sent from the second controller to automatically cause an image recording device provided in the first location and controlled by the first controller to record an image based on the image information, based on priority order information.

Claim 24 (Cancelled)

Claim 25 (Original)

The image recording method of claim 23, further comprising the steps of:

sending from the first controller to the second controller the completion information which indicates that image recording of the image information has been completed, after completion of the image recording of the image information; and

making the second controller to generate information showing that image recording of the image information has been completed, based on the completion information.

Claim 26 (Previously Presented)

The image recording method of claim 25, wherein the completion information is adapted to be identification information corresponding to the image information.

Claim 27 (Previously Presented)

The image recording method of claim 23, further comprising the steps of:

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sending from the first controller to the second controller first completion information which indicates that image recording of the image information has been completed, after completion of the image recording of the image information; and

making the second controller to add to the image information, second completion information showing that image recording has been completed, based on the first completion information.

Claim 28 (Previously Presented)

The image recording method of claim 27, wherein the completion information is adapted to be identification information corresponding to the image information.
